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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I am not certain that I will contribute much at this point because I am probably going to reecho some of the things that Senator Wehrbein and Senator Chambers just said, but I don't know how to...to figure out a way that we can consider this policy seriously, when we are at the point we are now with being so far behind on prison space. I would like to see us have a period to evaluate this policy that Senator Pedersen is bringing to us. I may...I may vote for it anyway because I think it's the direction that we need to go, but what I don't know is how many beds we still need to build, even if we did adopt the policy that Senator Pedersen has brought to us. And, Senator Pedersen, as I understand it, your amendment would still leave the maximum security segregation beds and a facility would still be constructed for that purpose, but everything else would go. Is that the way your amendment reads now? Senator Pedersen, would you respond?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Yes. Senator Schimek, I am sorry. I talked to you before lunch and, no, it does not say that, and I've talked about this. This completely replaces the entire, first line is strike original Section 1, and insert the following new sections. So this does replace the entire 960 beds, but we are doing some other talking about some changing in that at this point.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, because I do still...I am glad to hear that because I still do have a concern about those maximum security beds and I have...my staff is still trying to figure out the numbers of beds that we have, but I guess I would like to reflect a little bit on what I have been told by my constituents in different surveys that I sent out to them over the past several years. And although they are not as privy to as much information as we have, they still have some concerns that, for one, the people who are incarcerated don't have any work programs. I hear that over and over again, they would like to see people in prison having constructive work to do and not just spending idle hours out there. So that would be a concern that I think we've all heard voiced from time to time. They